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Local history focus of 2011 annual Public Archives Symposium

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Frankfort, Ky. – The 23rd annual Public Archives Symposium will be held Thursday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg.

Featured speaker for the symposium will be Dr. Doug Boyd, director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Boyd will discuss his recently published book, "Crawfish Bottom: Recovering a Lost Kentucky Community." The book traces the evolution of a small neighborhood in Frankfort with a reputation for vice and crime. This area was effectively replaced during an urban renewal project in the 1960s. Using oral histories and firsthand memories, Dr. Boyd not only provides a record of a vanished neighborhood and its culture but also demonstrates how this type of study enhances the historical record.

The symposium, a yearly event sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives Inc. in cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), increases the public's awareness of the wide range of historical records available for research in Kentucky's repositories.

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives is a not-for-profit membership organization of private citizens concerned with helping the Public Records Division of KDLA fulfill its role as a vital information link between people and government. The symposium will be preceded by lunch at the Trustees' Office Dining Room at 11:30 a.m. The symposium is free and open to the public. Lunch is \$30 and pre-registration is required for the meal. Additional symposium information and a registration form may be found at

<http://kdla.ky.gov/researchers/Pages/2011PublicArchivesSymposium.aspx> .

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